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> "It is war that is failure, war that is surrender, war that is the final weakness of men and governments."
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> --- Lyndon B. Johnson
> October 12, 1963

Catholic Men's Club Panel Discussion Exposes World of Alcoholic & Junkie

By Bill Sisson

A member of the Alcoholics Anonymous of Burlington, Fr. Howard Hubbard of Providence House, Albany, and Fr. Louis Logue of the Waterbury State Hospital were the members of a panel which spoke about "Alcoholism and Drug Addiction" to a group composed of both students and the public Wednesday night.

The first speaker was the reformed alcoholic. She opened her talk with, "My name is Mary. I am an alcoholic."

She said that, as far as she was concerned, only two people know who the alcoholics are: God, and the alcoholic. "An alcoholic," she said, "is a person who cannot control his intake of alcoholic beverages." She said that this condition brings problems such as family worry, loss of a job, and an incessant fear.

She then told the story of her life as an alcoholic. "I began drinking when I was seventeen. I could hold it without a hangover or being sick."

As time went on, she began to drink more heavily, and seemed to run around in circles. She said that she became disturbed, and drank even more. The more she drank the more disturbed she became. "I caused no small amount of family worry, and lost my job." She became more and more afraid to walk alone at night, and "I was afraid to talk to anyone. Let me assure you," she said, "it was a living hell."

She said that she would not admit that she was an alcoholic, because she was afraid to face reality. Her mother bothered her, so she joined the AA. For three and one-half years she put alcoholic drinks out of her mind. During this time, however, "I drank eight ounces of a codiene cough syrup daily. The medicine had forty per cent alcohol." She finally started drinking again, but found it to be the same rat race.

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Mary addressing audience. To the right are Fr. Hubbard and Gerald Baumbach, '68, panel moderator.

"One Saturday morning I awoke with the bottle besides me, as usual. I had lost another job. I felt physically, mentally, and spiritually sick. For the first time in my life, I didn't want a drink."

"I joined the AA only to shut my mother up. I am sixty-one now, and I stopped drinking seven years ago this month. For God's sake, I beg you, don't throw your life away. Think of the results before you start. Don't wait until you get to be my age to realize that life is worth living."

The second speaker was Fr. Hubbard of Providence House, in the southern part of Albany. He explained that Providence House was really a rehabilitation center. He said that "twelve to thirteen thousand Negroes live in the area. About 70 per cent are high school dropouts, 20 per cent are on welfare, and 80 per cent are unemployed. Apathy and despair have replaced hope and ambition." Providence House was set up as part of the social mission of the Church.

Fr. Hubbard said that Providence House had not been in existence for too long before he found that "the most serious problem was one of drugs." A social worker, Jane Holden,

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Hall Defines Goals Of Fringe Groups

By John Donovan

"Accuracy of definition" in describing various political fringe groups was the theme of the lecture delivered by Gordon D. Hall Thursday night in Jemery Auditorium.

Mr. Hall, to more accurately define the goals and principles of extremist factions, began his lecture by describing his idea of "the middle." "As long as the United States maintains a two-party system consisting of both liberals and conservatives," Mr. Hall said, "the middle will remain the dominant political force in this country."

The major differences between these two factions were then pointed out. The liberals, on one hand, are the innovators of reform in this country. They believe that man, if given every available opportunity, will finally reach a state close to perfection.

Conservatives, on the other hand, are completely against reform, believing mainly in a "contradiction of man." They believe that any form of centralized power will lead to ultimate destruction. Liberals, they say, use reform promises as a means to win votes.

The lecture then branched far out to the left. Two main points unite the far-leftists in the United States. One, that except in a few rare cases, members of leftist factions are not interested in reform. Concerned only with active revolution, they reject all reform as eventually leading to the perfection of a system to which they are opposed. Secondly, all far-leftists are Marxists in one form or another.

The far-left is the defender of the people. They hate the modern political system, but love the people in the system. This brings us to the other extreme, the far-right, which is entirely in favor of the system, but holds complete distrust for everyone in the system.

The right-winged element in this country employs character assassination as their main political weapon. They claim that democracy, as it exists today, is a fraud. They believe that a monolithic, authoritarian, and dictorial rule is the only type of true governmental system.

Including all factions, the number of extremists in this country is about seven million.

A short question period followed the lecture.

One of the last statements made by Mr. Hall seemed to give a bit of advice to the anti-extremist in defense of their principles. "What we need," said Mr. Hall, "is a constant raising of public opinion and sophistication. This is the only democratic way to combat an anti-democratic phenomena."

New Constitution Drafted

At the weekly meeting of the Forum Committee last Tuesday night, a rough, but complete draft of the new constitution was finished and read.

This followed the first, or "Old Forum" part of the meeting, in which the Football Club applied for the St. Michael's College blazer concession. Their application was tabled, as have been all applications that have come before the committee. These will be acted upon by the new Student Senate when it is finally set up, later this spring.

In the second part of the meeting, a discussion of the budget for next year was held, and it was noted that the $37,000 plan was not received with disfavor by the administration, although they have not yet approved it.

The draft of the new constitution, which is not yet ready for release, was termed as an impressive document, and one which should last by Student Forum President Joseph F. Zelenski, Jr.

It will contain, in its finished form, a main body, which will outline the set-up of Student Government at St. Michael's, and a Bill of Rights, which will detail the rights of St. Michael's students both on and off campus. Zelenski expressed hope that this would be published in the student guide next year.

He said also, "We've gotten the utmost cooperation from Fr. Dupont. Of anyone, he and Dr. Giroux have helped us to formulate a good document."

It was also announced that the election of Student Senate officers will take place in the last week of April.

The election will be for the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary of the Senate.

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John Verret Council of K. of C. Elects Officers

By Tom Farnam

Tuesday night of this week, the Father John Verret Council No. 4870 of the Knights of Columbus held its monthly meeting. On the agenda of the meeting, held at the council house, 92 College Parkway, was the electing of new officers.

Among those officers elected were: Michael Principe, Grand Knight; John Gravel, Deputy Grand Knight; Martin Brandin, Chancellor; Robert H. Minetti, Treasurer; Sebastian Palmeri, Warden; Ernest Pomerleau, Advocate; Michael Philbrick, Guard; Henry Boucher, Recorder; Reni Perfetti, Guard; Joseph Cravanzola, Three Year Trustee; Patrick Cronin, One Year Trustee; Dennis J.O'Connor, Financial Secretary; Thomas P. Farnam, Lecturer.

Principe, who succeeds Bob Minetti as Grand Knight, has been active in the Knights since he was inducted last spring. He held the office of Treasurer before becoming elected Grand Knight. Mike is a Business concentrator and a Dean's List student.

John Gravel held the office of Three Year Trustee before becoming Deputy Grand Knight. John is a History major.

Chancellor Marty Brandin, who received his Third Degree March 17, is a sociology concentrator.

Past Grand Knight Bob Minetti is the new Treasurer. Bob majors in sociology and is a member of the Crown and Sword Society. The newly elected Warden, Sibby Palmeri is an economics concentrator.

In addition to holding the elected office of Advocate in the Knights of Columbus Ernie Pomerleau is also Treasurer of the Junior Class and member of the Crown and Sword Society. Ernie is a business major.

Mike Philbrick, Guard, received his Third Degree on the 17th. Mike is active in the Epsilon House Council and is a history major. Recorder, Buddy Boucher, is a Past Deputy Grand Knight. He also is serving at the present time as Commander of the Arnold Air Society and Operations and Training Officer of the Drill Team.

Reni Perfetti, Guard and Joe Cravanzola, Three Year Trustee, were recently admitted as members of the K of C. Both are concentrating in business.

The One Year Trustee elected Tuesday night was Pat Cronin. Pat has worked on his house council and is an English major. Dennis O'Connor, the Financial Secretary and Tom Farnam, Lecturer were both appointed to their offices by the Grand Knight. Dennis is an economics major while Tom is in the American Studies concentration.

The Tuesday night agenda also included the appointment of two delegates to the State Convention which will be held this year on May 20. They were Mike Principe, Grand Knight and Bob Minetti, Past Grand Knight. Alternate Delegates chosen were John Gravel and Past Grand Knight Bill Stafford.

Induction of officers will be held in Winooski next week. The exact date has not yet been decided.

New officers of the K. of C.: Row 1, left to right, Dennis O'Connor, Ernie Pomerleau, and Mike Principe; row 2, Sebastian Palmeri, Buddy Boucher, and Bob Minetti; row 3, Mike Philbrick, John Gravel, and Joe Cravanzola; row 4, Tom Farnam, Marty Brandin, and Reni Perietti.

Editorials

To The Death

This past week, The MICHAELMAN has been the object of a barrage of comment from a seemingly worried conservative faction on campus. Letters of excellently written and much appreciated criticism have been received (all of which are included in this issue) as well as uninformed, angry accusations.

As the result of a bylined feature writer's comparison between President Johnson and Adolph Hitler (which, frankly, we found quite amusing), it has been inferred by some that the staff of this newspaper consists of everything from the "New Left" to the Stalinist Youth Corps. This, we find, even more amusing.

First of all, although no explanations are actually necessary in regard to this or any other article which in the judgment of the editors is worthy to be printed in The MICHAELMAN, we do wish to point out the statement of policy regarding by-lined articles which can be found in the newspaper's staff box.

Secondly, Mr. Thibodeau's comparisons are Mr. Thibodeau's comparisons. Unlike some who have made suggestions to the contrary, we feel not only justified, but impelled, to present viewpoints conflicting with the majority view at this college at times. Inasmuch as such freedom is guaranteed by the Constitution of these United States, we would think it highly un-American to censure a person for his opinion.

In this respect, then, St. Michael's College could stand a daily "Diogenes"; we are proud that we can say we have given the opportunity to participate in The MICHAELMAN to a wide spectrum of student opinion. A little "shaking up" of ideals and beliefs, if they are strong, worthy, and not blind, never hurt those ideals.

And, until we are overthrown as Red Menaces or some such thing, The MICHAELMAN will continue to print expressions of student opinion. If you are interested in writing a letter or article, please submit it, typed and double spaced, to The MICHAELMAN, c/o the editor. If you have any questions about newspaper policies, they can be answered at the newspaper office, located in the "right" corner of Alliot Hall.

J.D.

Support The Saints

Last weekend, the "Marching Saints," SMC's Unarmed Drill Team staged an exhibition of their championship ability at the Manhattan Invitational Drill Team Meet, the unarmed division of which the "Marching Saints" had won for the past 12 consecutive years.

The unfortunate part about the exhibition, which garnered the lion's share of applause in New York, was that St. Michael's was not a qualified contestant at the meet because they were unarmed.

Due to an error on the part of the Drill Meet Commander, the SMC contingent was not notified, until it was too late, that they would be disqualified from competition for lack of arms.

St. Michael's College has few enough traditions as it is; the "Marching Saints" have established an admirable record of which this college can be justly proud. It is the duty and privilege, we feel, of the students and administration of this college to support the drill team in its plan to become armed.

This does not mean mere "token" support; the organization has had enough of that kind of treatment. A team which has the best intercollegiate record in the history of this college deserves firm support.

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The Observer

AN ENLIGHTENMENT

By William J. Bigoness

The recent articles and editorials appearing in past issues of THE MICHAELMAN regarding the progress of the newly formed constitutional committee, I believe, have cast a somewhat incomplete picture of the true progress of that committee. To perhaps correct any such misunderstandings or omissions, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify and bring to light certain facts which may not be universally known or understood.

As has been stated many times before, upon the dissolvement of the Student Forum a twenty-one man committee was established whose purpose was twofold:

A) To serve as a temporary governing body.

B) To reevaluate and make recommendations for restructure of student government.

The meetings of this constitutional committee which are held every Tuesday evening at 6:15 p.m. in Alliot Hall Lounge (open to the public) are divided into two distinct and separate sections in accordance with the two fold purpose of this committee as previously defined.

The unfortunate and poorly handled debate which took place on the evening of March 19, 1968 occurred solely within the first section of the constitutional committee's meeting which is dealing with old business, under old procedural rules, and directed by old leadership. The unfortunate nature of this debate cannot and should not be used as a criterion by which to judge the progress being made by the constitutional committee's efforts in formulating a more effective student government.

Turning to the far brighter and more important aspect of this committee's work we have their second purpose that of formulating a new student government. This committee, presided over by Edmund Boutin, '68, has been working feverishly for the past month to develop the type of student government so desperately needed at St. Michael's. In addition to the work being done at the weekly meetings of the constitutional committee there have been formed six sub-committees; these committees being Academic, Social, Welfare, Athletic, Financial, and General Services. Each of these committees, meeting several times a week, have been formulating organizations and programs which they, in turn, will present to the constitutional committee. In addition to these six committees there is an advisory committee which is continually working on the drafting of a new constitution.

All of the efforts of this committee are being assisted by Cleveland Williams, Ph.D., head of the Government Department at Saint Michael's College.

Upon the completion of this committee's work, all their proposals in their entirety will be presented to students, faculty, and administrators for their opinions and suggestions.

A period of transition is always difficult for all those involved. We must not be dismayed by what may appear to be a temporary setback. With a continued desire and total cooperative effort by our entire collegiate community I am confident that our goal, the future on which so much depends, shall be realized.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hysterics

To the Editor:

Brian Thibodeau is no Diogenes. The writer lacks the preceptive features and the intellectual style of the questing Greek.

The first sentence, which stated: "Lyndon Johnson is no Adolf Hitler," is true and should have ended there. The hysterical comparisons which followed do not belong in a college newspaper and the column is a fine example of poor journalism. (It's not even an original analogy; the "East Village Other" was saying the same thing a long time ago.)

The democratic system in America is far from failing, though the ability to discuss problems and present opposition to certain problems in an intelligent and objective manner seems to be failing if this column is indicative of contemporary college dissent.

The author decries the distortion of truth in the midst of his deliberately false metaphor, and calls for fundamental opposition to certain ideas by presenting an over-emotional deception of his own.

I am opposed to conscription and to the war in Vietnam, but this type of fanticism is out of place and potentially dangerous. Hitler used it well.

Really, if Mr. Thibodeau does desire effective opposition he ought to begin by preparing a better column. Diogenes is still searching.

Respectfully,
Maurice F. Mahoney, '68

A Challenge

To the Editor:

Unfortunately, this letter must be so addressed, although I direct this solely to Mr. Thibodeau. Even though I am not a member of R.O.T.C., I feel that your attack, and such name is justly earned, upon this organization is sorely misdirected. It is a soul-stabbing, tearfully sorrowful day when the patriotism of those who place their own lives below country in rank of importance, can be questioned and condemned by such a ridiculous piece of journalistic trash.

Also, my dear Mr. Thibodeau, if you wish to speak of genocide since the days of Adolf Hitler, read of Hungary (especially Budapest, 1956), Poland, and the Jew in Russia. To accuse your fellow Americans, probably the least aggressive of any world power in history (witness our restraint as so many miniscule nations taunt us), of genocide, would border on the ludicrous, if it did not display such an infinitely pitiable side of your own deluded mind. If you wish to wail about atrocities in Vietnam, why not direct your indignation toward the four thousand Viet-Cong-perpetrated assassinations in South Vietnam, including the little-publicized, brutal murder of six missionaries several weeks ago?

An alternative to the draft, Mr. Thibodeau? Work in a hospital -- or is it the imposition on your precious time which upsets you, not the thought of war? Yes, Mr. Thibodeau, our democratic system is seeming to falter, but not by the efforts of patriotic Americans who wish to stop Communism, but by your efforts, and the efforts of your kind, who will brutally prostitute the freedom of voice and thought by voicing such support for opponents of fighting for this among all our freedoms, as you did on March 23. I challenge you, sir, and your naivete, to justify by facts, not innuendo, to prove the allegations you made concerning genocide, and the relation of R.O.T.C. to the Hitler Youth.

Robert W. Manguson, '68

Brush Up

To The Editor:

As a History Major for four years at St. Michael's, I find Mr. Thibodeau's article ("Diogenes," March 23) an insult to anyone's intelligence. I have personally done an immense amount of reading and research on the National Socialist phenomenon and suggest Mr. Thibodeau get a book, read, and learn of what he speaks before he says it. I am not going to launch an academic dissertation on Naziism, but will simply point out Mr. T's errors. May I first say though, that I find him totally ignorant and immature in his discussion.

First of all Mr. T., the term "Hitler's Youth Corps" is insane and completely wrong. The

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Ideology vs. Objectivity

To the Editor:

Although one must applaud your having improved the format and consistency of the "Michaelman," by nearly 100%, it is no great glory to see your paper sidetracked by ideology. At times, one would almost think your paper the "organ" of the Vermont Student Movement; for in your transition, you have become embroiled in all sorts of cockroach-infested clinches (i.e., Vietnam non! Kennedy si!!, student activism and rebellion, the times they are a changin', etc.) -- all of them the eminent domain of the New Left, and the ghosts of Leftist student activism of thirty years ago.

Having embraced ideology, you have paid dearly, losing both objectivity and interest. Your past issues have constantly thrown out at us misrepresentations of the Vietnam conflict, whose temper has risen almost to frenzy. Your interpretation of the recent motion in American politics (viz, the entrance of Kennedy into the presidential race) has demonstrated an adolescent's knowledge of politics in general, and a less than accurate knowledge of Robert Kennedy specifically. (You would do well to read Gore Vidal's articles on Mr. Kennedy, before you crown him monarch.)

Your "Diogenes" (3/23/68) is beneath sane comment -- in it, your writer has simply (and not very neatly) exceeded the bounds of good taste, and at the same time, has rewritten history, in making all sorts of sophomoric comparisons between Mr. Johnson and Adolph Hitler, displaying no grasp whatsoever of political and social reality, and too involved in the moral ignorance of his position to extend an even "liberal" kindness. I do not love Mr. Johnson; but, I do not think that character assassination (which is almost libelous) is the way to defeat him. And ye olde radicals had best learn that lesson, lest they fall prey to another French Revolution, out of which came real tyranny and slavery. That is history, dear chaps.

Ours is largely a "non-ideological" country -- which is all well and good. The editors of the "Michaelman", in embracing student ideology, have cut us off from the real world, and have set us adrift on the seas of anarchy, rudderless. Student involvement and revolution do "not" breed, in themselves, enlightenment and responsibility. It is high time the "student activist" grew up, and rejoined the human race. Much reform is necessary, true, in order that we may achieve an humane society. Revolution has never, in human history, solved that problem. And neither will Student radicals.

James Gorski, '71

MORE LETTERS

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correct title is "Hitler Jugend," or Hitler Youth. Secondly, "Establishment" is totally out of context. It should be "Reich," or are you lacking in simple, grade-school German. Thirdly, you should be more concise in your wording, as you will learn to be if you can muster the intelligence to remain at St. Michael's. You could have deleted your whole fourth paragraph by using the word propaganda.

I feel you intended to use the term Selective Service System to refer to the Schutzstaffel (S.S. Mr. Thibodeau), or am I wrong? If you did, you are wrong. This nation has no equivalent, by any stretch of the imagination, of the S.S., S.D., Waffen S.S., Gestapo or any such organizations. To compare the A.F.R.O.T.C., of which I have been a member for four years, to the Hitler Youth is a gross error. Again, I will not tell you why, go to the Library and find out.

Your appeal is made directly to the emotions Mr. T., and Imust commend you on your knowledge of basic Party dogma. However, as to your intelligence, academic ability, research capacity, and knowledge of the subject, I find you lacking to say the least. You have no factual understanding of the National Socialist Movement, and, thus, have made a fool of yourself.

In closing, I again suggest that you enlighten yourself, and, being a charitable person, I will suggest a few sources for you. Try Konrad Heiden, "Der Fuehrer," Adolf Hitler, "Mein Kampf," Hannah Arendt, "Origins of Totalitarianism," William Shirer, "The Rise And Fall of The Third Reich."

These works shall give you a limited, but satisfactory, insight into the subject of which you desire to speak. And until you enlighten yourself, do not insult your peers with emotional trash and nonsense, while pretending to know something about which you are totally ignorant.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Konopka, '68

Diogenes Still Searching?

To the Editor:

The column that "The Michaelman" has called "Diogenes" has ironically strayed far from the ideals of its namesake. Mr. Thibodeau, in the fine tradition of American dogmatic radicalism has liberally applied tar and feather, in the form of smears, to the Administration and its war policy without bothering to check into some of the more subtle truths underlying the question, thereby insulting the intelligence of his readers.

With a "great oratory style" worthy of the devil he invokes, our erstwhile columnist "informs" us of genocide (of the people who are our allies? . . . from bombings of civilian populations that cannot compare with the achievements of Hamburg, Dresden, Berlin, Cologne, Tokyo, Nagasaki, and Hiroshima? I should know bettern than to unearth the skeletion of "just" wars -- sorry.), the horrors of ROTC indoctrination (Stand by next week for an expose of the Boy Scouts as a Neo-Fascist organization!), "control" of public opinion on the was (Funny, I haven't seen Joseph Goebbels dragging his club foot down Pennsylvania Avenue recently. Have you asked Mr. Henault about a pamphlet put out by our democracy and equality loving government, "Our Enemy Japan," from good old easy to understand W.W. II?), and no "effective opposition" (It is good to know that President Johnson can sleep well with the knowledge that his party is solidly behind him and his renomination is assured).

The lesson to be learned from Mr. Thibodeau's mistake of the past Saturday is that the best form of dissent is that which is reasoned, informed, and open-minded -- qualities conspicuous by their absence in the column. Before Mr. Thibodeau wishes to use his writing talents, such as they are, as a platform of dissent again, it is suggested that he do a little research into the matter of war. Recommended remedial reading and study: "Guerrilla," Charles W. Thayer; "Strategy," B. H. Liddel Hart; any of the books by Dr. Tom Dooley; a discussion of the meaning of "mandate of heaven" and its application to the present situation in S. E. Asia and China with Mr. Olgyay; and last but not least, any journal or periodical aside from "Ramparts," "The New Republic," and "The New York Times," A great deal can be learned by both sides in a meaningful exchange of ideas if a degree of objectivity is kept in mind -- this too is "effective opposition."

This letter is an exercise in futility, really. Logical arguments, however sarcastic, never win against irrational shouting and name-calling. But light your lamp a little brighter, Diogenes -- you may yet find an honest man, just keep looking -- it really is a shame that you can't fill that void yourself. And thank you for reminding us once again that blind obedience to an ideology and ignorance are not the exclusive properties of the "military-industrial complex."

David Keough '69

Green Mt. "Pornography" Banished By Legislature

Final legislative approval of a measure designed to outlaw the sale and spread of "obscene literature" in the State of Vermont was won in the Vermont Senate last Saturday.

A 26-3 vote carried the bill which was sent to Gov. Philip H. Hoff for his signature.

Sen. George W.F. Cook (R-Rutland) of Rutland, chairman of the Judiciary Committee and major promoter of the measure said the states surrounding Vermont have existing laws against "obscene literature" and that he felt Vermont may become a "dumping ground for Mafia-financed" pornography without a similar statute.

Opponents of the bill contended that the law may be unconstitutional and that its wording is obscure and possibly "obscene" by its own definition.

Sen. James Jeffords (R-Rutland) of Shrewsbury, said he believed the Vermont law to be modeled after an existing statute in the State of New York which is currently being challenged in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Pres. Dupont Named V.P.

Very Rev. Gerald E. Dupont, S.S.E., president of St. Michael's College, has been elected to the post of second vice president of the New England Colleges Fund, Inc., for a two-year term.

A non-profit incorporated association of 27 independent colleges in New England, the Fund encourages gifts from business, industry, foundations and individuals for the support of member institutions.

The Fund provides the member colleges with money for operating purposes primarily faculty salaries.

A distinguished educator and one of the proponents of a new outlook for Catholic education, Father Dupont became the 10th president of St. Michael's in 1958.

The author of numerous articles for scholarly journals, Father Dupont is the co-author with Dr. Earl J. McGrath, Director of the Institute of Higher Education at Columbia Universtiy, of "The Future Governance of Catholic Higher Education in the United States." An assessment of the changing character of Catholic colleges and universities, the book foresees greater and greater lay control of those institutions.

DIOGENES

By Brian Thibodeau

To complain about problems and inadequacies here at St. Michael's College and to get action concerning these problems is like trying to start a car that's out of gas. The engine turns over and makes a lot of noise, but the car never starts and you never really go anywhere.

The food situation has not improved in the past two years. Portions of meat are small and inadequate. A person might think that this was India since many students leave the table unsatisfied. Many undergraduates would go to bed hungry if they didn't supplement their diet from one of the surrounding restaurants.

Preparation of meat seems incompetent. Filet mignon hardly resembles steak by the time the kitchen help is finished cooking and serving it.

The concern of the Administration for the health, security and well being of students also seems questionable.

Personal property losses of students resulting from fire and water damage are not covered by the school. This point was brought out recently in the fire and resulting water damage in Founders Hall. Students and parents were forced to shoulder the cost of resulting damages which posed a needless inconvience in terms of time and expense.

The present housing system is chaotic. Located in Founders and Austin Halls, students have been forced to share the buildings with faculty and administrative offices. Conflicts have occurred as students and school officials get in each other's way.

Room and board next year is going up to $1000. It's hoped that with the added increase of funds, the Administration can straighten out some of the problems that now exist on campus.

★★★ Hither & Yon ★★★

Candidate

Socialist Worker presidential candidate Fred Halstead will speak at Goddard College next Wednesday at 9 p.m.

A Manhattan resident, the 40-year-old candidate is one of the leaders of the New York antiwar movement.

A member of the administrative body of the National Mobilization Committee, Halstead was a principal organizer of the mammoth April 15, 1967 antiwar demonstration in New York City.

He is a cloth-cutter by trade and has been a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union for many years.

Halstead, along with other better-known candidates such as Johnson, Nixon, Kennedy and Rockefeller, will appear on the April 28 ballot for Choice '68, the national collegiate presidential primary, sponsored by "Time" magazine.

State Aid

Rev. Leo P. McLaughlin, president of Fordham University, believes that a plan for state aid to independent colleges and universities should become law quickly, even if church-related institutions could not benefit at once.

Fr. McLaughlin said: "We think the financial situation in private higher education in the state (N.Y.) is so urgent that immediate action is demanded."

Fr. McLaughlin's remarks were made at an informal hearing on the aid plan by the State Senate Committee on Higher Education.

Others who urged legislation on this matter at the meeting included Dr. James A. Perkins, president of Cornell University and Dr. James Hester, president of New York University.

Pro-Escalation

In a poll conducted by the Siena College INDIAN, it was discovered that some 42 per cent of the students polled favor escalation of the Vietnam War.

Approximately 50 per cent of the student body at the Loudonville, N.Y. college replied to the questionnaire.

Some 13 per cent of those polled favored withdrawal while 25 per cent urged a Korean War-type peace. Some 13 per cent wanted to halt the bombing in order to initiate negotiations with North Vietnam and five per cent wished to continue with the current policy.

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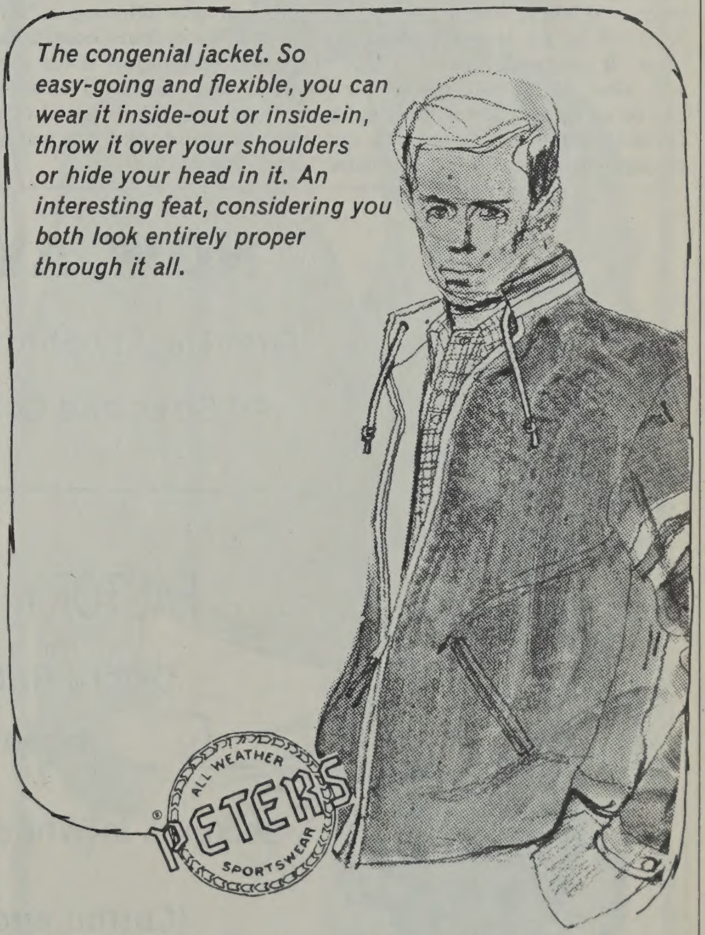

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Perspective

McCarthy Defined

By Thomas F. Foley, Jr.

This is the year of Monkey for the Chinese, and it would seem so too for the Democratic Party, for everyone, and everyone's brother, is making a concerted effort to make a monkey out of the chief Democrat in the party, President Johnson.

Most vocal of these monkey-makers are two United States Senators, Robert F. Kennedy and Eugene J. McCarthy. Most people know quite well the positions which formulate the reasons behind the candidacy of Kennedy, but little is known of the positions upon which McCarthy bases himself. The question therefore arises, where does Sen. McCarthy fit in in the political spectrum?

Certainly, the basic issue is the war in Vietnam. Mr. McCarthy has been highly publicized as a 'dove.' But this alone does not tell us where he really stands, or what he really thinks.

What he would like to see is a definite pause in the bombing of North Vietnam, and a recognition of the N.L.F. These he believes, are the chief obstacles to peace in Vietnam. The kind of peace McCarthy would work for is a coalition government with the participation of the Viet Cong in it. These two steps also are the ones considered the most important paths to freedom by U.N. Secretary U Thant.

McCarthy discounts the "threat of a billion Chinese with the 'bomb' " as ridiculous, and says that the war can not be justified economically (it has been disproven that you need the artificial stimulation of war to make an economy grow), diplomatically (this can easily be seen by the dis-favor it has brought upon us), militarily (one need only recall the recent Tet offensive which entirely disrupted and cancelled the pacification program), or morally (the ultimate good that could come from victory is far out-weighed by the harm which has already been perpetrated upon the people of Vietnam).

Eugene McCarthy, then, has come to the conclusion that the war in Vietnam is indefensible on any grounds.

On the home-front, McCarthy sees the war as the chief problem in contending with domestic policies. Men and money to carry on such needed programs as VISTA are just not available.

He has decried the President's rejection of the riot commission which the President himself had set up. As McCarthy sees it, this is only inviting trouble, adding insult to injury.

We have been proceeding as usual on matters of housing and unemployment, he says, while the population is rapidly expanding, and the cities are deteriorating.

As he views it, "There is no magic formula. . . . .expansion of existing efforts by industry is required. The special need is for a massive federal program to provide a national stimulus, adequate funds, and planning."

McCarthy realizes that it is a discouraging battle he is fighting at best, but he must be admired for the stand he has taken against the ruthless political machine, and considered for the various excellent proposals he has made.

As he says, "America is losing the place of leadership which it held in the world, a place of respect which was given to it, from the course of World War II and the years immediately following it. This need not be an America which is dominated by military considerations. It can be an America which responds in the fullest of our past and, also, in the fullness of our potential to the future. This again can be an America which is singing, an America which is full of confidence, which is full of trust, and which is full of hope. Not just an example to the world, but a genuine help to the world."

'68 Show Next Saturday . . .

Rowdy History Marks P-Day

The P-Day '67 Parade is still hard to forget for Pearl St., Burlington residents.

By Doug Macbeth

Every year at about this time, three things happen at St. Mike's: mud, Junior Weekend, and P-Day. Mud and Junior Weekend are known to all of us, but P-Day may take a little explaining, especially for the Frosh.

P-Day comes each year on various dates, depending on when the waters recede. This year they are expected to depart on or about April 6, and it is on that date that the event will occur. P-Day actually stands for Preparation Day, and is a publicity idea to advertise the coming of Junior Weekend.

It is coordinated by the Juniors, with this year's three chairmen being Bayard Tracy, Jerry Stanewick, and Jack Short.

The origin of P-Day is obscure, but it is thought to be an outgrowth of an earlier tradition here at school. Back in the late forties there was an event each spring called the "Parade of Horrors." The students (mostly veterans) would dress in absurd costumes, and march in a parade which originated in Burlington and ended here at St. Mike's. There would be prizes for the most unusual costume, and further activities would continue throughout the day.

Gradually, as the Junior Prom grew into Junior Weekend, the "parade of horribles" became P-Day. P-Day was given the added responsibility of publicizing the Junior Weekend, but the overall format of the day remained the same.

P-Day has had an illustrious history. In 1956, the students demonstrated against the school administration; the reason being that they had been banned from classes in Science Hall. Their actions were rewarded with pictures in the newspapers, and interviews on television. In 1959, St. Mike's had its own flagpole sitter. At 9 a.m.. on P-Day, Ronny Lamoureux climbed a 40-foot flagpole and remained there until 3 p.m. This also made the newspapers.

In 1962, we had our own marathon from Montpelier to the quadrangle. The final runner appeared with an official proclamation signed by the Governor of Vermont, to all the students of St. Mike's.

1966's theme for P-Day was Bacchanal. Bacchanal is an old Roman custom for initiating Spring with a huge feast. The day began with an impromptu concert on the steps of Lyons Hall. Unfortunately, it wasn't too well appreciated by the hierarchy of the school, but it wasn't banned.

The theme of this year's Junior Weekend and Preparation Day is "Almabtrieb." Almabtrieb is an old German fertility rite. Back in the golden days, as soon as the ice of winter melted, the young men and maidens would celebrate their marriages. It was a three-day festival of drinking and eating.

The activities of this year's P-Day are wide and varied. The day will begin at midnight Friday, when a gigantic "P" will be illuminated by fire, in the quadrangle. This marks the unofficial opening of the day, which will officially begin at 1 p.m. Saturday with a parade.

This parade will consist of as many floats as the House Councils can muster. There will be prizes for the best floats. The parade will originate in front of the Green Mountain Power Company of Burlington. It will march up Main Street to Pearl Street and Colchester Avenue. From there it will continue on to Main Street Winooski, and on back to school.

After arriving back on campus, there will be a number of events whereby some of our more valiant students may test their skill.

The first of these will be the greased pole climb. In this contest, a team of three persons attempts to shinny up a pole which has been smattered with grease. The team making it to the top in the shortest amount of time wins.

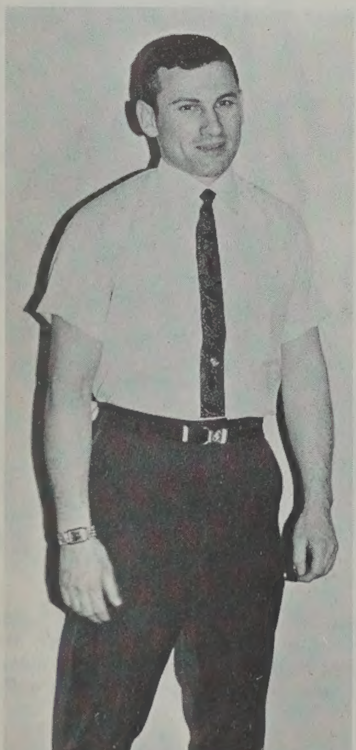
The next event is the "Humpless Camel." The "humpless camel" consists of four posts implanted in the ground, in a square, surrounding a pool of water. Connected to the poles are ropes which extend over the pool, fastened at the other end to a barrel. By manipulating these ropes, one can make the barrel bounce up and down. The object of this game is to have a person ride the barrel, hanging on for dear life, to keep himself from falling into the pool.

Following this there will be a tug-of-war among the classes. This also will be extended over a pool and the losers will find themselves swimming.

A new event this year will be the "Wazoo." The "wazoo" brings us back to the days of Robin Hood. There will be a plank extended over yet another pool of water. St. Mike's will have its own conception of Robin and Little John, who will battle it out with sacks of hay. The loser, of course, gets wet.

The final, and perhaps most hilarious event will be the greased pig contest. Late in the afternoon, a thoroughly greasy pig will be let loose on campus, and anyone with a fast pair of legs and agile hands will be welcome to try catching it.

And, thus, another academic year is drawing to a close. As spring settles in, let P-Day come with it.



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Keating Interview Cites Need To Emphasize Individuals

By Joseph Hurley

Rev. Geoffrey Keating, S.S.E., has been involved in all levels of Catholic education from grammar school to college. He has taught at St. Michael's since 1958 and, previous to that, he taught at the Edmundite Seminary. He is Director of the summer session's graduate program in Theology. Outside the college, he has been active in many post-Councilar projects and presently is a member of the Diocesan commission known as the "Catholic Education Task Force." The commission's purpose is to study and evaluate Catholic Education in the diocese with special emphasis on parochial schools.

Q. Father, you've been connected with Catholic Education for a number of years now; what is the most outstanding change that has occurred in that time?

A. I think the main change is the influence of Vatican II. We are now conscious of forming a religious ghetto; this is true outside of the scholastic sphere too. Now, we are more conscious of a need to open up others of a different viewpoint.

CATHOLIC vs. SECULAR

Q. What do you see as the major difference between Catholic and secular education at the college level?

A. Right now, there doesn't seem to be much difference, This is why Catholic education is in a period of crisis and questioning. We are looking for a rationale for our existence, something distinctive which says that Catholic education OUGHT to be.

I think that what people are looking for is the incorporation into education of a spirit that is not thoroughly secular, which by the way is not meant in anyway to denigrate the secular. In the past, there has always been a very simple answer to the question of the purpose for Catholic education; that is, to defend the faith against the Protestants and against secularization.

Another aspect of Catholic education is that the Catholic college has attempted to be so competitive with secular institutions that it has lost its own reason to be. This reason to be, I believe is to perpetuate basic religious goals, that is, an interpretation of the secular which gives to the secular a validity of its own but recognizes that it is not the whole answer.

This of course boils down to the question of whether this goal is best accomplished through separate institutions or by Catholic presence on the secular campus. There are many who hold that more good would be accomplished both for the secular world and for Catholics by Catholics becoming integrated with and giving witness to the world in all areas including the scholastic.

Q. Already there seems to be a trend toward secularization Catholic schools; what is the meaning or impact of this?

A. I agree that there is a movement in this direction. What it implies is that Catholics are trying to get out of a ghetto mentality. We are admitting, and must admit in the name of truth, that the whole process of secularization which has been going on for the last few hundred years is a good thing. As the realization of the value of the secular becomes stronger, the curriculum of a college must become more secular in content. The question is "how secular can you get and still remain a religious institutions?"

Q. Many people say our culture is in a period of great and rapid change; if this is true what effect does this have on education?

A. It certainly has a tremendous effect on the thinking of all men, Catholics included. Everybody is trying to come up with a philosophy that gives due emphasis to change. We're more conscious of change today. The practical effect of this is an attempt to aim at a more open view of reality - a more flexible view. This kind of ties in with what I said a few minutes ago, I guess.

Editor's Note: The second and concluding part of this interview with Fr. Keating will appear in next Saturday's edition of The MICHAELMAN.

Junkies and Alkies

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working with the women in the County Jail, found that 75 per cent of the women had a drug problem. She also found that there was no help being offered to the women. John Roseman, a psychiatrist, had discovered that the same situation applied to men in jail.

The three of them started rehabilitation meetings at Providence House. Soon fifty drug addicts were attending these sessions. Fr. Hubbard set up a policy of medical assistance for the addicts at the local hospital.

He then proceeded to give examples of the people with whom he was working.

"There is Tommy, who comes from a broken home. He was cared for by his grandmother, who died when Tommy was sixteen. He went down to the Village, where he took LSD. The police prevented him from jumping from a fifteen story building, and later arrested him for stealing and forging prescriptions for morphine. He heard of the program, and is now being helped."

"There is Louise, who has turned to prostitution in order to get money for drugs. She has had two illegitimate children." Fr. Hubbard explained that most female addicts turn to prostitution to get money for their drugs.

Finally, "there is Jerry. He is thirty years old, and has never held a steady job. His wife is a prostitute, working nights to keep him in drugs."

Addiction is on the rise, expanding to the middle and upper classes now. "There were 35,000 addicts in New York City last year," he said. Fr. Hubbard also said that "over $100,000,000 was spent on marijuana last year." He concluded his talk by saying, "There is not one addict, dead or alive, who has not said, 'I won't get hooked.' "

The final speaker was Fr. Logue. He has spent fourteen of his years as a priest working with patients, addicts, and alcoholics. He said that "the actual problem of people like these is conflict deep inside them. If we can help you to face marijuana and LSD, we can help you to accept yourself for what you are."

Fr. Logue also gave an example of one of his patients. "one boy has taken twenty trips in two years. The boy will probably kill himself. He is a complete physical and mental wreck." People like this boy do not realize that no one knows what will be the outcome of a trip.

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Poitier and Hepburn Perpetuate a Fallacy

By Dennis Ryan

Bored Michaelmen of Burlington-relax!

The deep blue skies and green, butt-strewn lawns have been uncovered and the season of longing has finally been ushered out by one of fulfillment. Your confinement has ended: Those icy paths and the freezing squalls that have kept you on them as you unconsciously walked to 8:30 classes have been whisked away by nature the healer. In nature as in man, the sterility of winter has given way to the alive fertility of the lusty months. Love not repressed continence, is in (well, has it ever been out?).

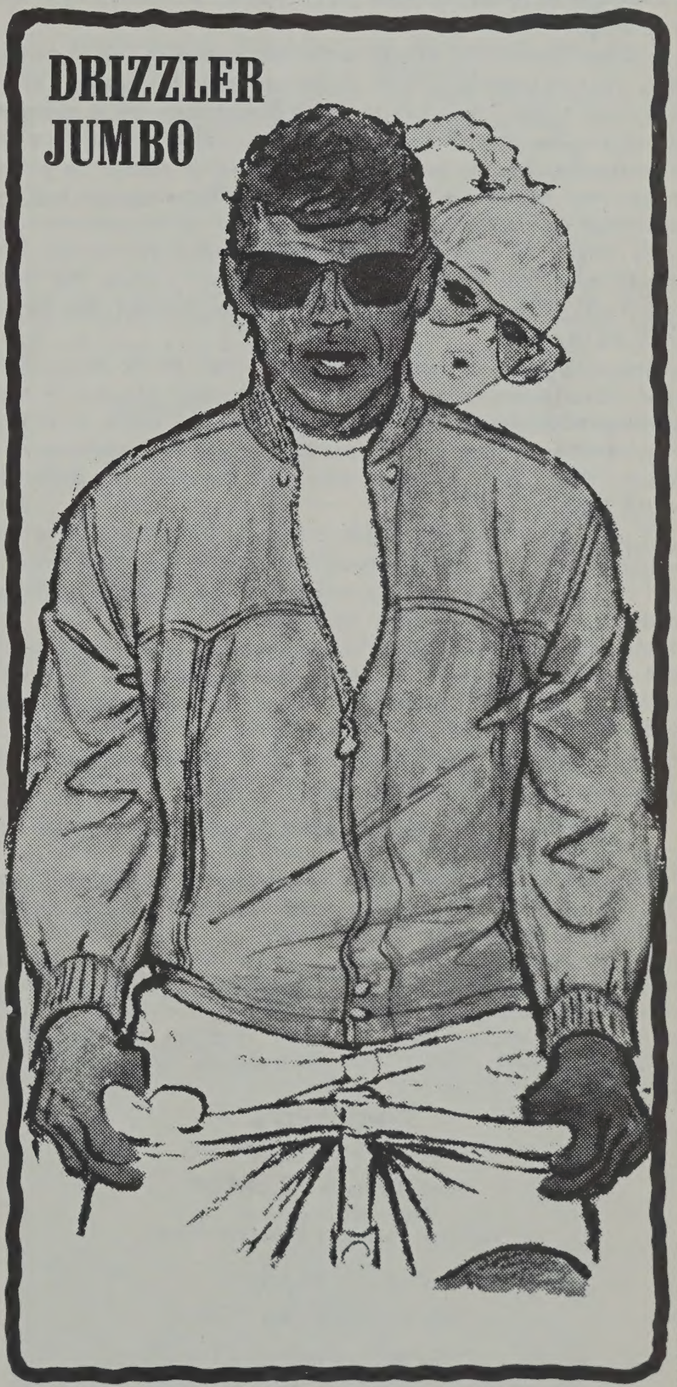
And, of course, with the passing of winter so also pass those pious, moralizing films that are so cold a prelude to the ecstacy of the back seat. The coming of "The Graduate" now eliminates the initial foreplay and keeps the more inhibited stay-at-homes horny and happy. What more could you ask for?

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?", for example, played for a month. Of course, those few segregationalists from the Deep South or our hiding white-power advocates had multiple opportunities to jeer and gross it out. But that "white Negro, "Sidney Poitier, really proved to be no obstacle to us. How unfortunate, but what can we do? Can we help being what we are? Can we be responsible for the fact that we feel for nothing except females?

Really, this time Poitier has gone too far. He has even eliminated the suspense he usually generates. And, Katherine Hepburn with her sieve of tears? She sobs more than she speaks and speaks better than she acts. The sentimental emotions she evokes are so incongruous and so unnecessary that they plunge the movie into a melancholy that incites your date to premature maternal tears, and you to increasing frustration.

Finally, midst cracks and yawns of the yearning males in the audience, a reconciliation of the races is achieved through Platonic eugenics (i.e. research doctor marries moral beauty queen) as integrity and quality prevails over pleasure and fun.

Thank the Lord you and I don't have to worry about such piety anymore. Impregnating rains and warm, caressing sunshine have dispelled Trinity's sobs and Poitier's bluff. "The Graduate" is in town and is as seducing as your steady without her winter coat.



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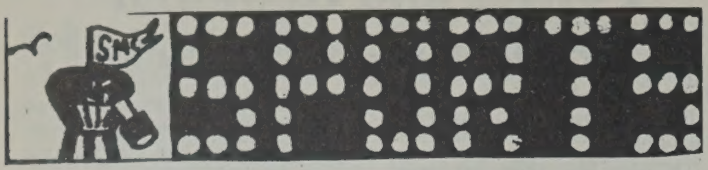

The Crow's Nest

BY DAN GRAY

Well, sports fans, this week my column features the National Basketball Association. You're probably wondering what comment I'll have about the playoffs, but it is not about this that the column is being written.

In almost every sport you play, the rules do not change very much as you proceed from sandlot, to high school, to college, and finally to a professional level. When I say almost every sport, I am referring to Hockey, Baseball, Football, Tennis and Golf. You can see right away that it is basically the same sport, being played the way you learned how to play.

Now let's look at basketball as played in the NBA. The first glaring difference between this and normal basketball is the 24 second rule. This, of course, is designed to speed up play and prevent the freeze. What can happen here is, a team runs through a basic play designed to set up a player with a good percentage shot. However, if this shot does not materialize, many times a poor outside shooter is forced to heave one up from way downtown and his shot may miss the basket entirely.

One of the basic defenses of basketball is outlawed in the NBA. The zone defense is considered illegal, although the Knicks got away with a zone press against Philadelphia a few weeks ago.

Another interesting aspect to the NBA game is the strategic foul. This is used by a team at the tail end of a quarter, when they have a few team fouls to waste before they are in a bonus situation. As Jack Twyman would say "They are willing to give the Knicks one point in exchange for a chance to get a two-pointer from the field themselves." The strategic foul is employed in high school and college, so to be sure the pro game would be even more different, the NBA put in the two minute rule. This states that even if a team is under the team foul limit, if they foul twice in the last two minutes, the bonus shall be in effect.

And talk about an insane rule, let's look at the bonus foul shot rule. Here we have the best basketball players in the world getting three chances to make two foul shots, or if it's a one shot foul, they get a second shot even if the first one is missed. Just one more way in which the game is made different by the NBA.

If you really stop and watch a few games closely for a few Sundays, and if you have played any kind of organized basketball during your life, you can see that the beauty and strategy of the game is almost totally destroyed.

It's no wonder that sports like baseball, football and hockey will outdraw basketball in average home attendance. This happens even in a city like Boston, where the Bruins and Red Sox in recent years have been perennial losers, and the Celtics constant winners. The public is sick of the run and gun game which has made a mockery of a great game.

Solons Pass Obscenity Law

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"The bill may become a best seller if it is passed," stated Sen. Douglas B. Kitchel (R-Caledonia) of Barnet, who noted that members of the senate refused to have the bill read in its entirety because of the language used.

Kitchel argued against the censorship possibilities which could result from such a measure.

Kitchel, with Sen. Jeffords and Sen. William L. Wright (D-Chittenden-Grand Isle) were the only three members to vote against the measure.

Golf Team Optimistic Eight Starters Back

By Glenn Z. Brooks

George "Doc" Jacobs looked an awful lot like himself Monday when interviewed for the "Michaelman" about this year's golf team.

Beaming with optimism, the veteran coach said, "I'm sure we'll do better this year; with our returning veterans, we should be fairly strong and could definitely have a winning season."

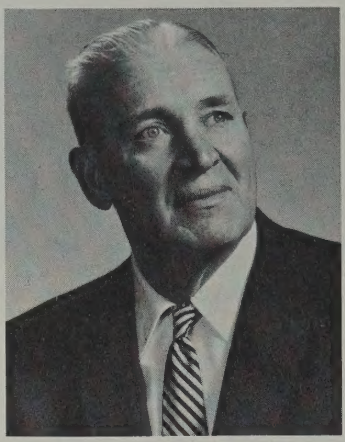
This year's experienced golfers include Brian Murphy, Dick Navin, Kevin Deary, Rich Sorensen, Bill Carlton, Mark Hooper, Jim Barrett, and sophomore Rich Eagan who participated in last year's intercollegiate playoffs.

The team will consist of ten men, positioned according to practice rounds scores.

"Doc" also encourages anyone who has potential and is interested to try out and submit practice round scores. Coach Jacobs feels that collegiate golf is one of the finest sports there is. "These boys get to play some of the finest courses," he said.

The main problem facing the team seems to be the weather. Snow and a soggy course make practice difficult. The team is looking forward to seeing only the whites of their golf balls dotting the greens and not the seemingly omnipresent Vermont snow.

This season's schedule includes four home meets; Vermont April 23, Norwich April 30, Dartmouth May 3, and St. Lawrence May 6.



Coach George "Doc" Jacobs

Away encounters include Clarkson April 29, State Meet May 1, and Middlebury May 14.

The New England meet will take place May 9 & 10.

Football Club Works Out

By Wayne Braeuer

Although the falling leaves and the pleasant weather of autumn seemed far away this past week, the St. Michael's Club Football team was busy at work.

Over forty candidates for next fall's squad spent Tuesday and Thursday evenings down at the Fort Ethan Allen gym.

Calisthetics and play drills were the main order of business for the club members who are intent on improving on the past season's 3-2 mark. Contact in full uniform, practiced by most schools, is ruled out by the lack of insurance protection.

These practice sessions will continue for the next two and a half weeks. The object of these workouts is to acquaint new members with the team's plays and to set a loose schedule of summer conditioning for the returning underclassmen.

Coach Art Coggio and club president, Ralph Musella, are cautiously optimistic about the prospects of success in the fall campaign.

The club, which will be entering its third year next September, appears to be in for its best season. The major loss from last fall's team is mainly on the defensive side.

Ten of the eleven offensive starters will be returning next autumn.

Two films on Social Diseases will be shown in Jemery Hall at 8 p.m. on Sunday night. Sponsored by Lambda House of Alumni Hall, the films will be followed by a lecture and a question and answer period.

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Jacobs NECBL President

George "Doc" Jacobs has been elected President of the Northeast Collegiate Basketball League for the 1968-69 season.

Jacobs, now in his 21st year as director of athletics at St. Michael's College, was named to the league's top position of at a weekend meeting in New York.

James Bedell, Adelphi's athletic director, will serve as vice-president, while William Moore, director of athletics at Central Connecticut, will be the secretary.

"This year," Jacobs declared after his appointment, "there is a change in the National Collegiate Athletic Association ruling concerning our conference. Each team will have to play 10 league games in order to qualify for an automatic berth in the NCAA playoffs."

St. Michael's will meet its obligation by scheduling Bridgeport as the 10th league game.

The league will consist of two divisions. The Northern Division will include St. Michael's, St. Anselm's, Stonehill and Central Connecticut.

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